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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/response for this application.

EXTENSION OF TIME

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant petitions for a 2 months extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136.

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The fee for claims and extension of time (37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17) has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE										\$	86.00
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Sir:

This is in response to the official action dated March 15, 2004, wherein the pending claims were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs and 35 U.S.C. §103(a). The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks. This response is timely filed as it is accompanied by a petition for an extension of time to file in the second month with the requisite fee.